

REMARKS

In this paper, claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 20, 23, 25 and 26 are currently amended. After entry of the above amendment, claims 1-27 are pending.

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The applicant appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 6, 8-15, 20, 23 and 25-27 if rewritten in independent form. Claims 6, 8, 9, 20, 23, 25 and 26 have rewritten to be in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, so it is believed that claims 6, 8-15, 20, 23 and 25-27 are now allowable.

Claims 1-5, 7, 16-19, 21-22 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chilcote, et al (US 4,952,196). This basis for rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that a reset circuit provides a reset signal to the computer in response to the occurrence of a predetermined traveling condition and without dependence on the operation of the control device. Chilcote, et al discloses two types of control circuits. The digital logic circuit shown in Fig. 31 is reset after every gear change (column 26, lines 16-20). The microprocessor circuits shown in Figs. 36 and 44 are reset every 1.25 seconds unless a gear shift operation is ordered or pending during that time (column 41, lines 31-40). In any event, Chilcote, et al's first reset operation is strictly dependent upon the operation of the gear shift control device, and the second reset operation is time-based and is not based on a traveling condition of the bicycle. Accordingly, Chilcote, et al neither discloses nor suggests the subject matter presently claimed.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 has been overcome by the foregoing amendment and remarks, and it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance.

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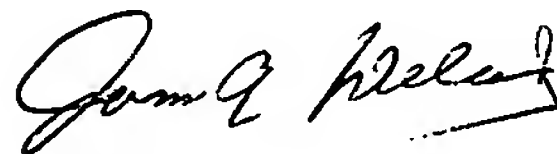
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Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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